

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1. (Currently Amended)

A method of extracting a lipidic active principle from a solid material coming from a nacreous mollusk, the method comprising the steps of grinding the nacre into a fine powder, of putting the powder into contact with a ~~lipid~~ lipidic solvent, of separating the solvent, and of extracting the lipid active principle by evaporating the solvent.

Claim 2. (Previously Presented).

The method according to claim 1, wherein the nacre is ground to a powder having a mean grain size of less than 20 μm .

Claim 3. (Previously Presented)

The method of extracting lipids according to claim 2, wherein the nacre is ground to a powder having a mean grain size of about 8 μm .

Claim 4. (Previously Presented)

The method according to claim 1, wherein the nacre comes from oysters of the genus *Pinctada* species *margaritifera*.